

My Love is like a red, red rose

One of the most popular love songs by Robert Burns.

The musical score consists of eight staves of music for two violas. Staff A (top) and Staff B (bottom) are in common time (indicated by a 'C'). The viola parts are mostly identical, with some variations in the third and fourth measures of each system. The music is written in a standard staff notation with quarter and eighth notes, and includes several fermatas and grace notes.

O, my luve is like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June:
O, my love is like the melodie,
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in luve am I
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun!
And I will luve thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only luve,
And fare thee weel a while!
And I will come again, my luve
Tho' 'twere ten thousand mile!

Meaning of unusual words:
gang=go